

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
v.) CRIMINAL NO. 5:18CR50094-001
)
FORREST HITTLE)

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

On December 13, 2018, a Grand Jury sitting in the Western District of Arkansas returned an Indictment against the Defendant, Forrest Hittle, charging him with one count, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced a minor, namely “JANE DOE”, with the intent that “JANE DOE” engage in sexually explicit conduct as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256, for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct and that visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e); and one count of knowingly possessed a Seagate hard drive that contained images of child pornography, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), including images of minors under the age of 12, that had been mailed, and shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and (b)(2); and a forfeiture allegation.

In the forfeiture allegation of the Indictment, the United States seeks forfeiture, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, incorporating by reference Title 21 U.S.C. § 853, of

1. Any visual depiction described in 18 United States Code §§ 2251, 2251A, or 2252, 2252A, 2252B, or 2260, or any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or

other matter, which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received in violation of the offenses in the Indictment;

2. Any property, real or personal, consisting or traceable to gross profits or other process obtained from the offenses in the Indictment; and
3. Any property, real or personal, including any and all computer equipment or cellular device, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of the offenses in the Indictment, or any property traceable to such property, including, but not limited to computer equipment used in the commission of the offenses in the Indictment.

On March 29, 2019, the Defendant pleaded guilty to Count One (1) of the Indictment. Pursuant to a Plea Agreement entered into by the parties, the Defendant agrees to forfeit all rights, title and interest to Seagate 1.5 TB External Hard Drive, serial number NA4G1HFA and a Motorola Droid Cell Phone. The Defendant acknowledges that all property covered by the Plea Agreement is subject to forfeiture as property facilitating illegal conduct, or property involved in illegal conduct giving rise to forfeiture, or as substitute assets for property otherwise subject to forfeiture.

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, the Defendant consents to the immediate entry of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture upon entry of the guilty plea. The Defendant further agrees that upon entry of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, such order will be considered final as to Defendant's interests in the property(ies). The Defendant agrees to immediately withdraw any claims to property(ies) seized in connection with this case in any pending administrative and civil forfeiture proceeding, and consents to the forfeiture of all properties seized in connection with this case to the United States. The Defendant agrees to execute any and all documents requested by the Government to facilitate or complete the forfeiture process(es). The Defendant further agrees not to contest or to assist any other person or entity in contesting the forfeiture of the property(ies) seized in connection with this case.

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, the Defendant agrees to consent to the entry of Orders of

forfeiture for such property and waives the requirements of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 32.2 and 43(a) regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment. The Defendant acknowledges that he understands that the forfeiture of assets is part of the sentence that may be imposed in this case and waives any failure by the court to advise him of this, pursuant to Rule 11(b)(1)(J), at the time his guilty plea is accepted.

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement, the Defendant further agrees to waive all constitutional and statutory challenges in any manner (including direct appeal, habeas corpus, or any other means) to any forfeiture carried out in accordance with the Plea Agreement on any grounds, including that the forfeiture constitutes an excessive fine or punishment. The Defendant agrees to take all steps as requested by the United States to pass clear title to forfeitable assets to the United States, and to testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceeding. The Defendant also agrees that the forfeiture provisions of the Plea Agreement are intended to, and will, survive him, notwithstanding the abatement of any underlying criminal conviction after the execution of this agreement.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, DECREED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That based upon the guilty plea of the Defendant, the following assets shall be forfeited to the United States:

- a. Seagate 1.5 TB External Hard Drive, serial number NA4G1HFA, and
- b. Motorola Droid Cell Phone

as property facilitating illegal conduct, or property involved in illegal conduct giving rise to forfeiture, or as substitute assets for property otherwise subject to forfeiture.

2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3), upon entry of this Order, the United States is authorized to seize any specific property that is subject to forfeiture as set forth herein in this Order


and the Plea Agreement, to conduct any discovery the Court considers proper in identifying, locating or disposing of the property; and to commence proceedings that comply with any statutes governing third-party rights.

3. Upon entry of this Order, the United States is authorized to commence any applicable proceeding to comply with statutes governing third party rights, including giving notice of this Order.

4. The United States shall publish notice of this order pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6).

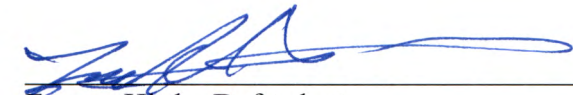
5. That upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(c), in which all interests will be addressed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 29th day of March, 2019.



HONORABLE TIMOTHY L. BROOKS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE


Reviewed and consented to by:



Forrest Hittle, Defendant



Jose Manuel Alfaro, Counsel for Defendant



Dustin Roberts, Assistant U.S. Attorney